

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Divisional Application Request. The specification has been amended to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 for this divisional application. Claims 1-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 17-23 are submitted for examination in the present divisional application.

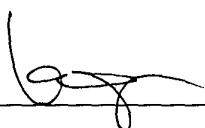
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted

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